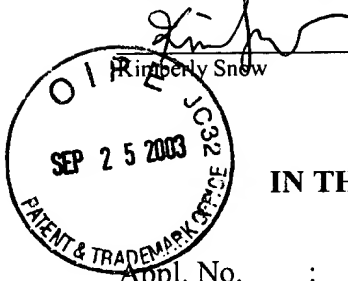


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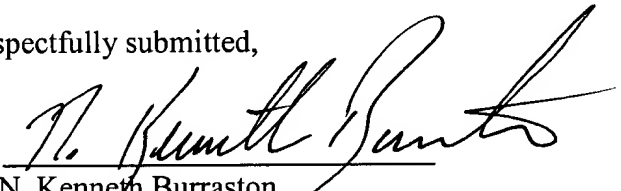
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for a one month extension of time, extending the period for response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003 in the above-identified application to September 22, 2003 (the first business day following September 21, 2003). Applicants have enclosed a check in the amount of \$110.00 for the fee for the above-requested extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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